

## SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Class Title: **CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN**

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Jurisdictional Class: **Competitive**

Date Adopted: **11/12/04**

Date Revised:

Jurisdictions: **Soil & Water Conservation District**

Union Status:

Pay Grade:

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**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is technical work providing assistance to property owners, agricultural groups and governmental agencies on soil and water conservation practices. Incumbent assists the Conservation District Field Manager in conservation projects and conservation management programs. Work is performed according to standards and specifications of USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, the New York State Guidelines and the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Work is performed under the general supervision of the Conservation District Field Manager. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

Develops and implements conservation programs in the county, such as stream bank restorations, nutrient management plans, tree and shrub programs, pond stocking and agricultural value assessments;

Designs and/or installs conservation practices for property owners;

Works with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to promote and implement federal and state programs to county farmers, such as the Farm Bill program, Tree and Shrub Program and Agricultural Value Assessments;

Assists municipalities and the DEC in the inspection and monitoring of storm water related activities;

Provides technical assistance to landowners, agencies and local governments by performing surveys and design and cost estimates of various conservation practices;

Participates in water quality and quantity activities in the county, such as water sampling and analyzing;

Completes written reports as needed;

Attends functions and meetings and serves on committees as required;

Assists with conservation education;

Assists with the preparation of grant requests that will enhance and advance the Conservation District's programs.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Thorough knowledge of the principals and practices of agricultural resource conservation; good knowledge of conservation practices related to both surface and ground water quality; working knowledge of business arithmetic; working knowledge of agricultural engineering and surveying; good verbal and interpersonal communication skills; ability to work well with others.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- (A) Graduation from an accredited four (4) year college or university with a degree in Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Conservation or a closely related field; **OR**
- (B) Graduation from an accredited two (2) year college with a degree as outlined in (A) above, and two(2) years of professional level work experience in Agricultural Management or a closely related field; **OR**
- (C) An equivalent combination of experience as outlined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

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**NOTE:** Part-time employment can be pro-rated to count towards fulltime (Example: six (6) months PT equals three (3) months FT) and a higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to a year.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** This position requires some travel. Incumbent will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State Motor Vehicle operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.